

precincts in the county. At these two precincts I received nearly all the votes polled—and as there was no regular opposition, I presume there is hardly a doubt of my election.

Are you elected in Alamance? I heard to-day that you *were*. I hope sincerely it is true. If you are elected, I want you to stay with me, whilst attending as a delegate. In the first place, on my own account, I want to have you here with me. And on your own account, I am confident you will be more comfortable with me than at a crowded and noisy hotel.—I dare say, our friend Gov. Manly will be desirous of having you with him; but that is too long and tiresome a walk for you in the warm weather before us. I assure you need not fear that you will give us any trouble—it will afford us a great pleasure to have you with us.—

My wife joins me in urging you to come *directly* to our house. If you will let me know when you will be here, I will send my carriage to meet you at the Depot. You ought by all means to come down *immediately*. There ought to be some consultation and preparation of the ordinances of secession before Monday. Do come right down, I want to talk to you about a great many things.

Hon: Thos. Ruffin

Alamance, N. C.

From Thomas Ruffin, Jr.

GARYSBURG May 20th/61.

I have but a moment to write, and you must pardon me, therefore, for coming at once to the point.

We are pleasantly situated here, and have found our associations agreeable, and are very anxious to continue them as long as possible.

Cpts Scales, ¹ Settle, ² Hyman ³ and myself are anxious to be thrown into the same regiment, for *many* reasons, but most particularly because we all agree that, in the election, of our superior officers, we will be governed *purely* by considerations of fitness.

From some intimations received here we fear that Capt. Hyman's "The Edgecombe Rifles" may not be appointed to the 3d Regiment, in which, we hear, that the other three companies are to go.

My purpose in writing, therefore, is to beg you, in case you deem it proper to do so, to see Gov. Ellis and represent our wishes to him.

¹ Alfred M. Scales, of Rockingham, captain of Company H of the Thirteenth, succeeded Pender in October, 1861, as colonel. He was promoted to brigadier-general in 1863.

² Thomas Settle, of Rockingham, captain of Company I.

³ Joseph H. Hyman, of Edgecombe, captain of Company G, was promoted to major in 1862, lieutenant colonel in the same year, and colonel in 1863, succeeding Scales.